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The Honorable George H. Ryan
Governor
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Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Ryan:

I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 1999 and 2000 Biennial Report of the Department of Military Affairs. This report summarizes the major accomplishments, achievements, and activities of the 13,000 citizen-soldiers of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard and the dedicated state and federal employees at the Department.

In both 1999 and 2000, our federal mission of support to national defense had more visibility than our state mission of support within Illinois, and the Illinois Army and Air National Guard made significant contributions to our nation's security throughout the world.

Units from the Illinois Army National Guard were deployed to the KFOR operation providing peace and stability in Kosovo. Units were on active duty in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait guarding Patriot missile batteries. And Illinois had important roles in complex, multi-national exercises such as PEACE SHIELD 1999 and 2000 in Ukraine.

The Illinois Air National Guard saw its F-16 fighters and C-130 lift aircraft fly as part of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH in Saudi Arabia and Oman, and our air refueling tankers performed aerial refueling missions around the world. Our State Partnership with the Republic of Poland reached its zenith in 1999, when Poland became a member of NATO.

Throughout Illinois, in urban and rural areas alike, the Illinois National Guard maintained its commitment to our citizens. We have fielded one of the nation's first Civil Support Teams (Weapons of Mass Destruction) which will provide its expertise to the civilian emergency responder community. Our youth programs have continued to serve as national models due to their effectiveness; Lincoln's ChalleNGe still graduates 800 cadets per year. In conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Medical Innovative Readiness Training (MIRT) missions were conducted in medically underserved areas of the state, providing some health care services to those most in need.

Thanks to your leadership and support in working with the Illinois General Assembly, the Illinois National Guard goes into its next biennium, and the new century, with the greatest budget commitment in the history of the Department to address the many capital needs that exist at the Department's 53 armories around the state.

The men and women of the Illinois National Guard are proud of what we do, and we stand ready to meet the call to serve our nation, our state, and our individual communities.

Sincerely,

David Harris
Major General (IL) ILARNG
The Adjutant General

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The heritage of the Illinois National Guard stretches back as far as colonial times. From its inception as first a French, and then a British colony, Illinois maintained a militia that saw extensive service on the frontier against the Indians through the Revolutionary War period.

After statehood in 1818, the Illinois volunteer militia continued its role throughout the 19th century, making the largest contribution of personnel to the Union during the Civil War and serving with distinction in the Mexican and Spanish-American Wars.

During the 20th Century, the Illinois Guard played major roles in both World War I and World War II. Illinois was one of the first states in the nation to form aviation units, which later became part of the Air Force in 1947.

In addition to its long and distinguished legacy of service to the nation, Illinois Guardsmen have been called on time and time again to provide needed support to the State of Illinois in missions ranging from riot control to disaster relief and flood control.

In Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm, and around the world today, Illinois citizen soldiers have answered the call to service and will continue to do so.

The Illinois National Guard has proudly served our state and nation for more than 200 years. Its men and women perform vital roles benefitting our country and our state.



The Illinois National Guard forms an essential part of our national security team. We are active participants in the full spectrum of military operations.

Today's Illinois National Guard is an integral part of the military's "total force" and Illinois Guardsmen have seen duty in virtually every major U.S. military operation in modern times.

In addition, we provide the state with a quick response capability for local emergencies, natural disaster relief and civil disturbances.

The Illinois National Guard, a joint Army and Air Force organization, operates under the Illinois Department of Military Affairs and is led by the Adjutant General, a two-star general appointed by the Governor.

As the commanding general of the Illinois National Guard, the Adjutant General is responsible for the military readiness of the men and women of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard.

The Illinois Army National Guard is approximately 10,000 strong, while the Illinois Air National Guard comprises about 3,200, for a combined strength of approximately 13,200 members.

These dedicated and patriotic citizen soldiers and airmen have seen themselves increasingly called to duty in locations around the world in support of U.S. security interests. Under Department of Defense plans, the stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the active components in providing our

nation's defense capability.

As the Department of Military Affairs, the Illinois National Guard is a part of Illinois state government and the Illinois Guard has both state and federal missions.

Federal Mission

To provide units of well-trained, fully-qualified and well-equipped personnel in time of war, national emergency or other federal activation to support the Army and Air Force.

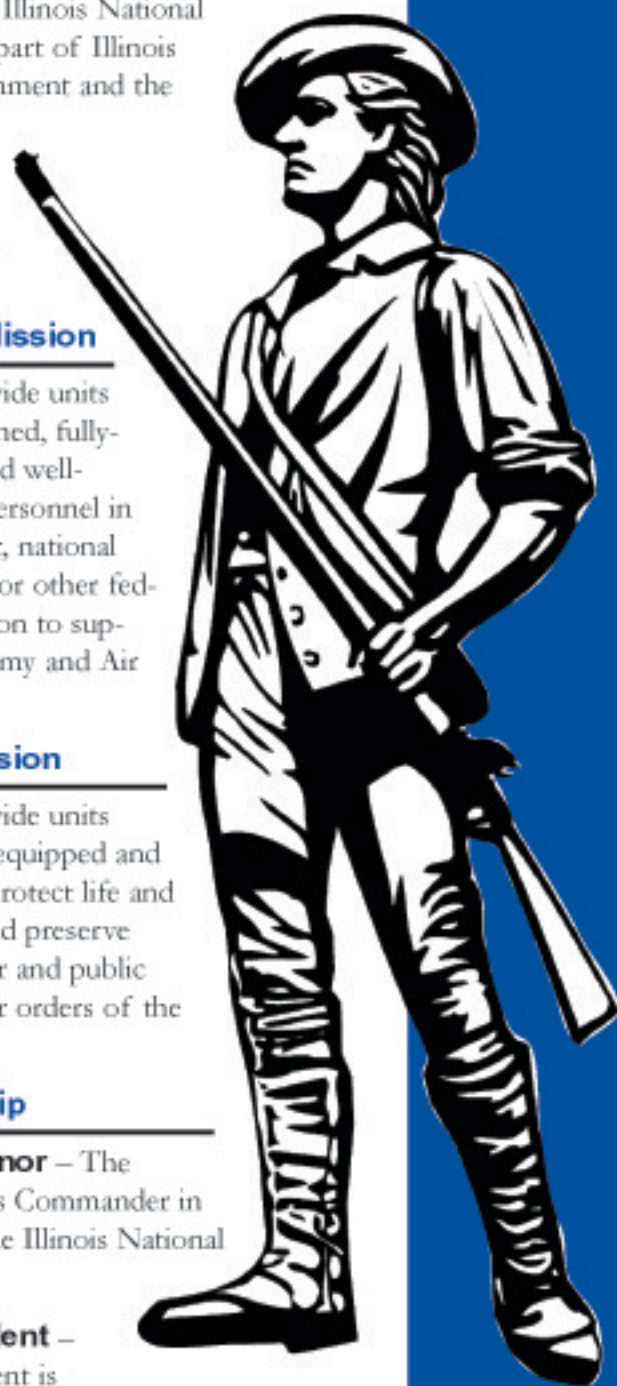
State Mission

To provide units organized, equipped and trained to protect life and property and preserve peace, order and public safety under orders of the Governor.

Leadership

Governor – The Governor is Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard.

President – The President is Commander in Chief of Illinois National Guard units and individuals when they are federally activated.





The Illinois Department of Military Affairs is headquartered at Camp Lincoln in Springfield. Under the leadership of the Adjutant General, the department is responsible for all matters relating to the Illinois Army and Air National Guard.

The department became a part of the executive branch of state government July 8, 1957, as stipulated by the Illinois revised statutes, Chapter 129. The department is the official channel of communication between the federal government and the State of Illinois on all matters relating to the Illinois Army and Air National Guard.

As the commander in chief, the Governor is responsible for appointing the Adjutant General.

The Adjutant General



**Adjutant General
David Harris**

The Adjutant General of Illinois has statutory responsibility for carrying out the policies of the governor, issuing orders in his name and serving as his immediate adviser on all matters relating to the Illinois National Guard.

The Adjutant General is responsible for planning, developing and executing plans and programs of the National Guard; for equipping and mobilizing the Illinois National Guard for use in national defense and state emergencies and operations; for maintaining records on military personnel of state forces; for preserving the colors, flags, guidons and military trophies of war belonging to the State of Illinois; and for supervising all military installations, property and equipment of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard. As the head of the department, he works closely with the National Guard Bureau and the Departments of the Army and Air Force in Washington, D.C.

The first Adjutant General in Illinois was Elias Rector, who was selected as Adjutant General of the Illinois territory in 1809.

The current Adjutant General of the State of Illinois is Maj. Gen. (IL) David Harris. General Harris was appointed as Adjutant General by Gov. George Ryan in 1999 and is the state's 35th Adjutant General.

As a department of state government, the Illinois Department of Military Affairs, through its subordinate directorates, oversees and manages the daily operations of the Illinois National Guard throughout the state.

The Illinois Army National Guard maintains 53 armories (50 state-owned, two leased and one federally owned), one state headquarters facility, two outdoor weapons ranges, three training areas and 43 vehicle storage/maintenance buildings in 47 communities throughout the state.

The Illinois Air National Guard maintains large flying bases at two major civilian airports and one on an active U.S. Air Force Base. Each base supports a specialized operational flying organization with F-16C fighter, C-130E airlift and KC-135E refueling aircraft.

The Illinois Department of Military Affairs is authorized 301 full-time state employees. Federal reimbursement helps fund these state positions: 120 are 100 percent federally reimbursed and 40 are 75 percent federally reimbursed, leaving 141 state-funded positions. Because of the Illinois National Guard's federal mission, the department also employs 1,824 full-time federal employees paid directly by the federal government. Including contract employees, the department is the ninth largest in state government as measured by state employees.

Funds to support the department are appropriated by both the federal and state governments. State funding is under the supervision of the Comptroller Division of the department. Federal appropriations are supervised by the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for Illinois.

The department brings in significant federal dollars to the state through personnel, equipment and training support funds for Illinois Army and Air Guard operations.



MAJOR UNITS



Headquarters State Area Command

1301 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62702-2399



66th Infantry Brigade

5550 Ocean Trail Rd.
Decatur, IL 62521-2320



65th Troop Command Brigade

1301 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62702-2399



33rd Area Support Group

1551 Kedzie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60651-2434



Headquarters Illinois Air National Guard

1301 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62702-2399



126th Air Refueling Wing

2101 Golf Course Rd.
Scott AFB, IL 62226-5000



182nd Airlift Wing

2416 S. Falcon Blvd.
Peoria, IL 61607-5023



183rd Fighter Wing

3101 J. David Jones Pkwy.
Springfield, IL 62707-5000

Federal Support

IRAQ – The 183rd Fighter Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, deployed F-16C aircraft and more than 200 personnel to Operation Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia during October 1999 to help patrol the Iraqi No-Fly Zone.

This is the third time the unit has deployed aircraft and personnel to operations over southern Iraq. The unit also supported Operation Southern Watch in 1996 and 1997, operating out of Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. The Springfield-based unit has flown more than 500 combat sorties during its deployments to enforce the No-Fly Zone.

KOSOVO (ARMY) – The 44th Rear Area Operations Center, Illinois Army National Guard, was activated as one of the first in the National Guard called to active duty to support peace-keeping operations in the Kosovo area of operations.

The Chicago-based unit was mobilized and joined Task Force Falcon to provide installation staff at Camp Able Sentry in Macedonia. The task force's mission was to provide a secure environment in Kosovo and keep the peace between ethnic Albanian Kosovars and the Serbs.

KOSOVO (AIR) – The 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, conducted air refueling operations in support of the air campaign in Kosovo.

Wing personnel and KC-135 Stratotankers participated in operations from bases in the Azores, the United Kingdom and Germany from April through May 1999.

Wing personnel and aircraft also participated in NATO support from Geilenkirchen Air Base in Germany throughout May 1999.

PANAMA – The 182nd Airlift Wing participated in Coronet Oak, a mission to support the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in combating illegal drug trafficking.

In addition, the unit used two C-130 aircraft and approximately 50 personnel to provide humanitarian relief throughout Central and South America from Howard Air Base in Panama.



Illinois state legislators visit Ukraine training site

UKRAINE – In 1999 and 2000, the former communist bloc country Ukraine hosted PeaceShield, an “in the spirit” of Partnership for Peace exercise. Based on the successful participation of Illinois guardsmen in PeaceShield 1999, the Illinois Army National Guard was given the role of co-exercise director for Peace Shield 2000.

The exercise focused on peacekeeping activities and was conducted and co-sponsored by the United States, along with the Republic of Ukraine. More than 20 NATO and former Warsaw Pact nations participated in the exercise.

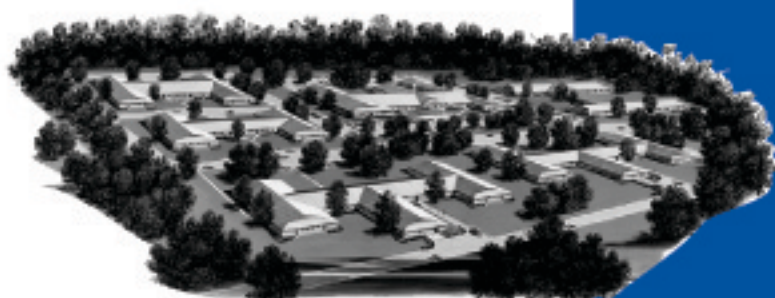
Because of the strong performance of Illinois Guardsmen in PeaceShield 2000, Illinois has been asked to play key roles in future PeaceShield exercises.

SOUTHWEST ASIA – In June 2000 Company C, 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry of Kankakee and Joliet, and Company A, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry of Woodstock and Machesney Park were mobilized for duty in the Persian Gulf region in support of Operation Desert Spring. The infantry units were deployed to the Gulf to provide security support to U.S. military forces operating in the Gulf under U.N. Security Council resolutions. The two infantry companies will return from Gulf duty in October.



A third Illinois infantry company, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry, of Mattoon and Danville was also mobilized for Operation Desert Spring. The Mattoon- and Danville-based unit will deploy to the Gulf in October 2000.

BATTALION TRAINING COMPLEX – In 1999, Congress and the President approved \$10.9 million for



construction of a Battalion Training Complex in Marseilles, Illinois.

In addition to the economic boost to the local area, this new facility will resolve the past requirement for soldiers to travel hundreds of miles to training facilities in Indiana or Wisconsin, which cut into their precious training time. This site improvement also affords us the opportunity to train larger units in Illinois. The complex will house and feed more than 700 soldiers, with joint use by other state and federal agencies expected.

The Illinois National Guard broke ground on the new facility in the spring of 2000, with a projected completion date of late 2001 or early 2002.

POLAND — In March 1999, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were accepted into NATO. The Illinois National Guard helped prepare Poland to become a member of NATO through its State Partnership Program, which links the State of Illinois and the Republic of Poland to promote stability, democracy and a free-market economy. During the past five years, Illinois and Poland have conducted more than 390 assistance visits covering a wide variety of subjects including language training, budgeting, environmental protection, Air Defense modernization, disaster response training, and peacekeeping.

126th Air Refueling Wing Relocation – During this biennial period, the Illinois Air National Guard completed the successful relocation of the 126th Air Refueling Wing from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago to Scott Air Force Base near Belleville.

By March 2000, the last elements of the 126th ARW moved into the new wing headquarters building at Scott. This marked the completion of the \$88.7 million construction project. The entire cost of the move, including environmental cleanup, personnel relocations, runway extension at Scott AFB and other construction was \$102.7 million. The City of Chicago funded the entire project in an agreement to relocate the 126th ARW from O'Hare.

State Support



WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION – The Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), based in Bartonville, is one of the first 10 units nationwide established to provide support to the civilian first-response community in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction incident within the borders of the United States.

Unit members were selected in

December 1998 and began rigorous training consisting of an average of 1,300 hours of specialized individual and small unit training around the country.

Stationing of the unit is complete and in early 2000, the official stand-up of the unit took place following external evaluation by 1st U.S. Army.

Y2K – In advance of the Year 2000 rollover, the Illinois National Guard conducted extensive coordination and contingency planning with a variety of federal, state and local authorities.

Throughout the state, there were 31 high-frequency radio sites and Emergency Operations Centers manned by Illinois Guardsmen during New Year's weekend, in the event of either widespread or localized communications failures.



Lincoln's Challenge – The Lincoln's Challenge Program, based in Rantoul, continues to set the standard as the most successful Challenge program in the United States. The program has achieved 100 percent mentorship for its students for the last two classes and the program continues on track with the national GED goal of 70 percent compared to the state GED rate of 53 percent. Lincoln's Challenge continues to graduate nearly 800 students each year.

Counter-Drug Efforts – The Illinois National Guard Counter-Drug Team provided extensive youth-oriented training to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Counter-Drug hosted a Ukrainian Counter-Drug site visit focusing on Illinois' Operation First Choice youth program.

In 2000, Counter-Drug provided soldier support to seven law enforcement agencies resulting in more than \$785 million in drug seizure credit. Program personnel also conducted "Cash Crop" marijuana eradication program activities with the Illinois State Police and supported the State Police Valkyrie Program with an ion scanner drug detection device.



Operation First Choice – During this biennial, Operation First Choice operated four direct service sites providing athletic-based services to more than 230 Illinois youth each year.

It also supported 25 indirect, community-based sites serving more than 1,500 youth. Each year, Operation First Choice sponsored a two-week summer youth camp at Rend Lake.

MIRTs – Over the two year period, the Illinois Army National Guard coordinated Medical Innovative Readiness Training, or MIRT, missions for civilians in medically under-served areas of the state. The missions were coordinated through the Illinois Department of Public Health and the respective county and city public health agencies.

In 2000 the Illinois Guard coordinated eight MIRT missions providing physicals and school and eye exams for people otherwise unable to afford them. A total of 948 state residents were served in nine counties.

State Military Museum – The department received \$715,000 in funding for a capital project to complete renovation of an historic building at Camp Lincoln in Springfield as the permanent site of the Illinois State Military Museum.



The department also received \$125,000 in funding to begin restoration of Illinois' collection of military battle flags.

A state Military Flags Commission was created to advise The Adjutant General on how best to collect, preserve and display the state's colors, flags, guidons and military trophies of war.

STATE FISCAL SUPPORT

General Revenue Fund Major Objective Accounts	Fiscal Year 1999 Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2000 Expenditures
Personal Services	\$6,002,899	\$6,372,309
Employer Support	\$232,707	\$247,874
Retirement	\$572,958	\$619,657
Social Security	\$439,864	\$470,171
Contractual Services	\$2,112,086	\$2,054,032
Travel	\$13,093	\$13,391
Commodities	\$125,624	\$120,455
Printing	\$8,111	\$4,834
Equipment	\$70,282	\$130,008
Electronic Data Processing	\$57,149	\$52,621
Telecommunications	\$34,564	\$43,127
Automotive Equipment Operation	\$19,461	\$23,425
Officer's Candidate School	\$2,189	\$2,200
Preservation of Historic Artifacts	\$13,402	\$16,457
Lincoln's ChalINGe Program	\$2,177,966	\$2,613,594
Permanent Improvements	\$48,117	\$47,947
First Choice	\$24,516	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$11,954,988	\$12,832,102
FY Appropriation	\$12,141,400	\$12,926,100
Expenditures	\$11,954,988	\$12,832,102
FY Unexpended Balance	\$186,412	\$93,998
100% Federal Support Federal Support Agreement Revolving Fund	Fiscal Year 1999 Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2000 Expenditures
100% Reimbursable Employees	\$4,207,385	\$4,214,844
Lincoln's ChalINGe Program	\$4,682,068	\$5,493,416
Cooperative Funding Agreement Army	\$2,321,371	\$2,559,816
Cooperative Funding Agreement-ISA	\$248,605	\$262,877
TOTALS:	\$11,459,429	\$12,530,953
ILARNG Construction Fund	\$279,768	\$79,407
Military Affairs Trust Fund	\$687,623	\$526,119

FEDERAL FUNDING

PROGRAM	ARMY GUARD		AIR GUARD	
	FY1999	FY2000	FY1999	FY2000
Value of Supplies & Equipment	\$681,915,155	\$681,915,155	\$2,881,812	\$3,925,836
Individual Clothing	\$11,026,191	\$11,026,191	\$81,900	\$106,800
Technician Pay	\$22,599,600	\$23,468,600	\$34,645,252	\$36,997,050
Medical Services	\$155,250	\$166,850	\$340,950	\$496,700
Annual Training Pay and Allowances	\$10,051,900	\$9,414,300	\$3,167,406	\$3,285,412
Schools & Active Duty Training	\$3,603,050	\$3,566,000	\$814,498	\$970,446
Special Tours Active Duty Training	\$1,497,900	\$1,657,350	\$531,292	\$523,780
Clothing	\$1,995,100	\$1,788,400	\$345,726	\$402,152
Subsistence	\$1,324,000	\$1,469,250	\$126,700	\$121,842
Annual Training Travel	\$1,805,000	\$1,599,800	\$880,632	\$1,337,980
Incapacitation Pay	\$252,850	\$166,150	\$73,428	\$77,144
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$68,750	\$157,100	--	--
Repair Parts	\$3,786,000	\$3,688,550	\$12,059,398	\$13,985,138
Petroleum Oil Lubricants	\$997,550	\$960,600	\$153,341	\$117,742
Transportation	\$999,400	\$1,026,050	\$51,788	\$78,134
Communication Services	\$593,150	\$932,500	\$348,462	\$223,626
Technician Travel	\$178,900	\$195,850	\$1,551,212	\$1,896,984
Organizational Clothing & Equipment	\$3,437,700	\$4,327,550	--	--
Military Support Cooperative Agreements	\$64,800	\$24,050	\$5,661,828	\$6,185,484
Other Repairs & Utilities	\$3,168,000	\$4,155,400	--	--
Other Supplies & Services	\$737,200	\$837,250	--	--
Automated Data Processing Costs	\$447,800	\$746,700	\$1,158,962	\$1,477,838
Technician Tuition	\$144,950	\$230,900	\$89,002	\$54,420
Recruiting	\$671,400	\$1,673,000	\$91,766	\$179,502
Counter Drug Support Office	\$1,545,000	\$1,554,000	\$30,686	\$3,918
Administrative Services	\$454,550	\$350,300	--	--
Family Program	\$33,600	\$78,900	--	--
Weapons of Mass Destruction	\$13,800	\$223,200	--	--
Physical Security	\$745,700	\$780,000	--	--
Environmental Compliance	\$567,000	\$967,200	\$244,982	\$1,368,940
Lincoln's Challenge	\$6,252,077	\$6,695,000	--	--
Military Construction	\$0.00	\$3,655,872	\$12,045,600	\$823,100
AGR Full-time Support and Travel	\$19,146,088	\$19,732,838	\$8,516,064	\$8,804,998
Inactive Duty Training Pay and Travel	\$23,720,194	\$24,705,600	\$15,001,068	\$15,475,012
TOTALS:	\$803,999,605	\$813,936,806	\$100,893,755	\$98,919,978

EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

COUNTY	STATE EXPENDITURES		FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	
	FY1999	FY2000	FY1999	FY2000
Adams	\$55,611	\$69,567	\$678,000	\$975,482
Alexander	\$65,587	\$59,912	\$509,000	\$123,520
Cass	\$40,879	\$50,069	\$1,312,000	\$426,211
Champaign	\$2,799,919	\$2,810,715	\$2,090,000	\$2,424,985
Coles	\$101,386	\$119,398	\$498,000	\$1,364,976
Cook	\$1,830,770	\$1,605,927	\$48,256,000*	\$21,421,102
DeKalb	\$52,688	\$60,422	\$467,000	\$332,316
Edgar	\$58,795	\$71,035	\$1,451,000	\$815,499
Effingham	\$40,244	\$46,941	\$305,000	\$515,496
Franklin	\$66,402	\$59,911	\$308,000	\$552,468
Henry	\$115,393	\$142,303	\$1,515,000	\$1,679,754
Jackson	\$57,137	\$55,157	\$745,000	\$876,245
Jefferson	\$109,615	\$103,587	\$632,000	\$544,325
Kane	\$105,415	\$110,810	\$635,000	\$346,817
Kankakee	\$41,599	\$45,114	\$524,000	\$712,721
Knox	\$59,628	\$58,463	\$599,000	\$347,489
Lake	\$114,380	\$60,893	\$210,000	\$419,070
LaSalle	\$192,463	\$230,180	\$1,071,000	\$1,150,632
Lawrence	\$54,967	\$87,134	\$674,000	\$630,882
Lee	\$54,452	\$51,382	\$537,000	\$446,967
Livingston	\$71,382	\$51,380	\$404,000	\$5,625
McDonough	\$184,045	\$80,703	\$606,000	\$693,975
McHenry	\$56,182	\$58,030	--	--
McLean	\$107,029	\$103,817	\$1,360,000	\$806,697
Macon	\$68,246	\$65,185	\$3,248,000	\$3,646,227
Marion	\$55,391	\$59,539	\$659,000	\$467,753
Midlothian	\$219,625	\$217,204	--	--
Montgomery	\$66,260	\$60,035	\$625,000	\$6,777
Moultrie	\$62,023	\$59,656	\$1,176,000	\$473,712
Peoria	\$555,318	\$604,038	\$32,127,000*	\$4,787,653
Randolph	\$51,909	\$53,027	\$721,000	\$472,033
Rock Island	\$86,351	\$123,098	\$1,637,000	\$1,342,724
St. Clair	\$64,509	\$326,394	\$1,176,000	\$931,158
Sanqamon	\$3,826,216	\$4,563,808	\$43,106,746	\$46,071,393
Stephenson	\$47,148	\$62,028	\$682,000	\$627,496
Tazewell	\$48,637	\$59,076	\$551,000	\$37,392
Vermillion	\$51,932	\$62,782	\$461,000	\$434,978
Warren	\$51,544	\$63,407	\$431,000	\$194,606
Whiteside	\$62,859	\$53,556	\$768,000	\$1,065,513
Will	\$74,351	\$66,871	\$1,304,000	\$1,354,932
Williamson	\$64,706	\$76,083	\$1,161,000	\$1,282,880
Winnebago	\$61,985	\$63,465	--	--
TOTAL	\$11,954,988	\$12,832,102	\$158,237,746*	\$100,810,481

*FY1999 figures reflect extraordinary expenditures at Peoria Air Base and for relocation of the Air Guard unit from O'Hare Airport



The Illinois Army National Guard is comprised of a State Area Command, 33rd Area Support Group, 65th Troop Command Brigade and 66th Infantry Brigade. Its 53 armories are spread across Illinois from Freeport to Cairo with the headquarters centrally located at Camp Lincoln in Springfield.



State Area Command

State Area Command (STARC) provides personnel, transportation and logistical support for all units of the Illinois Army National Guard in executing mobilization plans to ensure members efficiently reach their mobilization stations. Located at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, STARC consists of:

- ▶ The state headquarters
- ▶ Public affairs unit
- ▶ Military band
- ▶ 129th Regional Training Institute
- ▶ Medical unit



33rd Area Support Group

33rd Area Support Group is one of the more diverse organizations within the Illinois National Guard. Its long

history of service dates back to 1917 and the 33rd Division.

The Chicago-based organization includes:

- ▶ Medical
- ▶ Air defense artillery
- ▶ Special forces (Green Berets)
- ▶ Rear area operation center
- ▶ Military linguists
- ▶ Military police
- ▶ Signal



65th Troop Command Brigade

65th Troop Command Brigade makes up the bulk of the combat support services of the IL ARNG, covering a wide range of missions including:

- ▶ Field artillery
- ▶ Aviation support
- ▶ Personnel support
- ▶ Maintenance
- ▶ Transportation support

Its helicopter lift support utilizes UH-60 "Blackhawk" and CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters.



66th Brigade, 35th Infantry Division

66th Brigade is part of the six-state 35th Infantry Division. With more than 3,200 soldiers spread throughout 28 Illinois communities, the brigade synchronizes all elements of battlefield operations systems with:

- ▶ Infantry
- ▶ Field Artillery
- ▶ Air Assault
- ▶ Chemical
- ▶ Engineering



Air National Guard

The Illinois Air National Guard is part of the air reserve component and supports the United States Air Force in meeting its worldwide commitments and responsibilities. The structure for the Illinois Air National Guard is made up of more than 3,000 personnel comprising a state headquarters unit, three wings, and five smaller mission-separated units. Each unit has a distinctive mission and is a part of today's expeditionary Air Force. The units and locations are:

- ▶ Headquarters Illinois Air Guard, Springfield
- ▶ 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott AFB, Belleville
- ▶ 182nd Airlift Wing, Peoria
- ▶ 183rd Fighter Wing, Springfield



126th Air Refueling Wing

The primary mission of the 126th Air Refueling Wing is in-flight air refueling utilizing KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft. Unit secondary missions include transportation of personnel and equipment. The unit is the oldest in the Illinois Air National Guard. It has a distinguished history and was one of the first Air National Guard units called to



active duty in the Gulf War. The 126th is extremely busy with global commitments on a regular basis.



182nd Airlift Wing

With its compliment of C-130E Hercules aircraft, the 182nd is responsible for theater or tactical airlift, delivering equipment and personnel throughout the world.

Because of the unit's airlift mission, the 182nd is routinely called upon to provide airlift to the Air Force and other military services. It has deployed to almost every location around the globe and supports United Nations peacekeeping efforts.



183rd Fighter Wing

The wing's mission is to maintain a ready force of F-16C aircraft, providing equipment and highly-trained personnel in support of air defense, air interdiction and suppression of enemy forces. It has been called upon to deploy its aircraft and personnel throughout the world.

The unit's service has taken it to various European countries, to south-west Asia as part of Operation Southern Watch, and to various Air Force bases in the U.S. for training



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